



HOOSIER VALUES AT THE STATEHOUSE

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Gov. Daniels Creates "In God We Trust" License Plate

On March 14, 2006 Governor Mitch Daniels signed into law House Enrolled Act 1013—creating the "In God We Trust" License Plate.

"These four simple words say so much about us as a people and state," said Governor Daniels. "Our Constitution restricts the establishment of religion, it does not require the absence of it."

The "In God We Trust" license plate is working with a number of faith-based organizations in its design. It should be available early next year.

PORNOGRAPHY BANNED NEAR CHURCHES & SCHOOLS

Governor Mitch Daniels signed Senate Bill 12 into law better protecting Hoosier children from the harmful images of pornography.

The bill makes it a felony to rent, sell, or display these images within 500 feet of a church or school.

Governor Daniels believes these restrictions do not place an undue burden on people's first amendment rights while protecting innocent children from this material.

The American Family Association of Indiana strongly supports SB 12 as a measure that will strengthen Indiana families.

The law takes effect July 1.

GOVERNOR MITCH DANIELS SIGNS LEGISLATION REGULATING WOMEN'S CLINICS

New regulations that will hold women's clinics in Indiana to the same health and safety standards as hospitals will take effect in Indiana on July 1, 2007.

The regulations are the result of legislation signed by Governor Mitch Daniels last year. Until now, these facilities operated as unregulated entities.

Finally this year, all of these facilities will need to be licensed by the Indiana State Department of Health.

The state will also finally be able to inspect these clinics on a regular and frequent basis and ensure the health and safety of patients at those facilities.

Last year, Governor Daniels also signed into law legislation that requires health care professionals to provide a pregnant woman with information about the availability of an ultrasound and to listen to a baby's heartbeat prior to performing an abortion.

These actions were the first pro-life bills to become law in Indiana in nearly a decade.



Governor Mitch Daniels participates in the National Day of Prayer Ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse.
May 4, 2006

FSSA Hires Fort Wayne Chaplain

The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) recently hired Fort Wayne Pastor Michael Latham to serve as Chaplain to state employees.

Reverend Latham will travel statewide to counsel state employees and recruit volunteer clergy to provide other counseling.

FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob believes it is important for his agency to provide for his employees' spiritual as well as professional development.

Rev. Latham is a pastor at the Renaissance Baptist Church in Fort Wayne and President of the Ft. Wayne Chapter of the NAACP.

Dept. of Corrections Faith-Based Program Helping Hoosier Inmates Discover Faith

The Indiana Department of Corrections, under the leadership of Commissioner J. David Donahue, is partnering with Indiana's faith community to provide character based opportunities to Hoosier inmates. Over 900 participants at nine correctional facilities attend classes, bible study, and other events that help the inmates grow spiritually. This program helps empower offenders to become productive members of society. The Department of Corrections is offering the program at no cost to taxpayers.

Gov. Daniels Creates Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Governor Daniels' Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) connects state government with Indiana's faith community, community based organizations and volunteers.

OFBCI also oversees AmeriCorps funding that supports 11 programs with over 500 members serving communities in Indiana

OFBCI operated the state's "clearinghouse" for Hurricane Katrina victims who either temporarily or permanently call Indiana home.

OFBCI hosted a Faith Leader's Luncheon with Governor Daniels with over 900 Hoosier faith leaders.

OFBCI publishes a weekly

newsletter and monthly newsletter called Funding Opportunities informing groups about federal, state and private grant money.

Is your group connected?

Contact the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at 317-233-4273 or online at <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/>